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## **Kankakee Felon Sentenced to 7 Years in Prison for Possessing a Firearm**

Urbana, IL- Chief U.S. District Judge Michael P. McCuskey sentenced a Kankakee, Illinois man to seven years in prison for unlawfully possessing a firearm, as announced by Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois. Quincy L. Campbell, 27, of 304 N. Evergreen Street was sentenced in federal court in Urbana on January 18, 2006.

Law enforcement agents with the Kankakee Metropolitan Enforcement Group (KAMEG) arrested Campbell on April 25, 2005, following a foot chase which began near the intersection of Evergreen and Chestnut in Kankakee. During the chase, Campbell discarded a firearm.

Individuals with felony convictions are prohibited from possessing a firearm. Campbell has numerous felony convictions dating back to 1998, including aggravated battery in 2002; possession of a weapon by a felon in 1999; and, escape and aggravated battery and possession of a controlled substance in 1998.

The case was prosecuted under Project Safe Neighborhoods, an ongoing Department of Justice initiative which targets illegal possession of firearms by convicted felons to reduce violent crime. Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard N. Cox prosecuted the case, which was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and KAMEG.

Campbell pled guilty to the charge on August 19, 2005. Since his arrest, Campbell had remained in law enforcement custody. Following yesterday's court hearing, Campbell was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service for transfer to the federal Bureau of Prisons.